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CIRCUIT COURT DOINGS.
The circuit court grinds very slowly. From the criminal docket eight were ground out for the penitentiary—two of which were paroled.

There is some complaint about the parole system by those who do not understand the cause of its introduction. There are probably more persons out on parole in the state than in the penitentiary. Without the parole system we would have to duplicate our prison facilities, and the state is already loaded down with about all the expense it can carry. It is a sort of escape valve to take care of capitalism's surplus products.

When the Kicker went to press last week Frank Black of Chaffee was on trial charged with hiring Bob Goss to set fire to the Boyd building. This case was tried in April and resulted in a hung jury. There was evidently something behind this case that did not come out in the evidence. Two lawyers were hired to assist the prosecuting attorney in the prosecution. The only material witness for the state was Bob Goss, a self-confessed degenerate and criminal. The jury was only a little over an hour in returning a verdict of not guilty.

T. C. Edmonds, who is charged with stealing a horn at Forneft, and who escaped from jail, was brought into court charged with jail breaking. He pled guilty and was given six months in jail, with the benefit of the time served, which will cut it down to about three months. The charge of stealing a \$25 horn still hangs over him. What satisfaction there can be in keeping him here for three months and then sending him to the pen, I do not know unless it will make more costs.

Ed. Swan and B. F. Spelling of Forneft, who were charged with holding up a man from Thebes last winter, and of which the papers told us such wild stories of the shrewd detective work of officials, were released. There was nothing to it.

In the case of T. A. Whitaker, Bettie Begley and Fannie Miller charged with shooting two of the officers at Delhistadt, there was a severance and Whitaker and Mrs. Begley put on trial. After the state had introduced its evidence Mrs. Begley was released. The defense was then heard and the jury found Whitaker \$300 and costs.

Wade Jones, of the Oran charged with stealing a cow, pleaded guilty and was given three years and, on proof of his former good conduct, was paroled.

Ben Goforth and Ben Chambers, arson, two years each.

Ira Gifford, felonious assault, fined \$100.

Paul Hogan, forgery, three years.

All of this week has been consumed in the trial of a damage suit of C. A. J. Matthews against the Iron Mountain Ry. Co. The plaintiffs claim that they have been greatly damaged by the waters of Caney Creek because of the railroad having prevented an outlet for surplus water. Nearly all of the farmers of the Bleda neighborhood were here as witnesses. The case is still on as the Kicker goes to press.

The grand jury assembled Monday. It is now reported that court will not adjourn until Saturday.

LAST GREAT EUROPEAN WAR.
History repeats itself, but with variations. A hundred years ago France alone, under the leadership of Napoleon, faced Germany, Austria, Italy, Russia and Great Britain—AND WON.

At thirty-six Napoleon had conquered every nation of Europe, and in the battle of Austerlitz in 1805, practically brought the continent under the subjection of the French army. Then Austria, Germany and Russia formed the great coalition against France, only to be beaten in battle after battle until they were forced to sue for peace. England, thanks to her impregnable navy, was the only nation not forced to acknowledge Napoleon's rule.

It was the one-covered steppes of Russia, rather than the military science of Europe that finally turned the tide against Napoleon. The present European crisis gives a particular opportunity to the Kicker's offer of Napoleon's Memoirs, announced in another column. Read the offer. Few books throw a more illuminating and interesting light on the underlying causes of those years of conflict than the fascinating story of the man whose meteoric career left Europe down with the seeds of discontent.

"Eventually," said Napoleon, "Russia will rule the world." The present conflict will go far towards determining the truth of that prophecy, and day by day it will furnish an absorbing illustration of the advance which has been made in the art of warfare since the days, only a century ago, when France alone had Europe at her feet.

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AN UNSETTLED QUESTION.
"What party does that member of the legislature belong to?"
"I don't know," replied the lobbyist. "I'm one of several parties who are bidding for him."

NOT SO SMOOTH.
J. W. Jacob, of Illinois, is not the smooth article I had credited him with being. Recently I exposed him as being the man who played an active part in the disruption of what there was of a Socialist organization in Scott County two years ago. He was expelled by an overwhelming vote of his local, but got back in somehow, and a majority of the membership permitted him to stay in—but they got out.

He has not attempted any denial of anything the Kicker said—although I am sure any and all of "the party" organs of the county would be glad to publish anything that would make what the Kicker says appear untrue. But I have him "smoked out," where he is fighting the Kicker in the open instead of secretly, as in the past.

He seems to have learned something from the priests last winter and has adopted their tactics. But he isn't quite as successful. He ought to get permission to wear a black robe to awe the people. Then he might do better in trying to get the people to quit the Kicker.

Saturday I received a "petition" circulated by him, signed by five beside himself, to stop the Kicker. Evidently he had been working for some time—for two of the subscriptions had expired in July and were already off the list. On the same day that this "broad-side" arrived, the Kicker got six new subs and three renewals. "Identify Mr. Jacob was not well pleased with his effort, for he added apologetically, "More to follow."

As I said in the outset, Mr. Jacob is not as smooth as I had thought he was. He is so careless about "hiding the shells." He let "the cat out" in the body of his "petition," which, perhaps the few signers overlooked—if they read it at all. Referring to the only Kicker, one of the complaints reads: "We do not approve of the methods used in denouncing the old parties, ESPECIALLY THE DEMOCRATS IN POWER IN THE COUNTY."

Wonder what Dr. Cannon meant when he said of the Socialists: "We didn't see any use of one man getting it all for keeping a Socialist ticket out of the field in the interest of the Republicans; we thought we ought to DIVIDE UP and give the rest a show."

Anyhow, it is real pleasant to be a Socialist in Scott County since the Democrats have undertaken to revive the corpse and put out a ticket. Do you remember how, two and four years ago, we were denounced by the court house organs as being all that is vile—free lovers, atheists, anarchists, etc.? Have you seen anything disrespectful of Socialists or Socialism in any of their organs this year?

Evidently the Democrats do not object to the "socialism" of Jacob, Thompson and the Morley Banner, but they do raise all kinds of hell when they call "Hafnerism" appears.

UP IN THE AIR.

The Democratic party in this county is sure up in the air. Their lead over the Republicans under normal conditions is about 500. But the primary has left many sore spots that may not heal. The old cry of "stick to the party" has not the persuasive power that it used to have, as party lines are all but eliminated among the masses.

At the primary there was a stiff fight within the party to eliminate the old gang. While the efforts of the opposition resulted in some changes, yet the "old nest egg" remains. And so long as that remains it is needless to hope for changed conditions in the public affairs of Scott County.

Some of the Democratic politicians of the county have a little self-respect. And it is these that have the most influence with the rank and file and are responsible for "the party" holding power so long.

These have allowed just about all they can hold. And for these to go among the people and endorse forty years of McPheeters at the pie counter, and ask for more—well, some of them won't do it.

But the ghost that is keeping the ringsters awake at nights is the vision of some six or seven hundred disorganized Socialists lying around loose. Having no ticket of their own, these are free to vote as they please. And the treatment they have received at the hands of Democrats and their organs is not likely to cause them to vote for more of it.

Hence the only way the Democrats can hope for victory is to get out a ticket for the Socialists. But the bone-heads are up against something they do not understand. They think they can manipulate the Socialist vote as they did the Wheeler and Populists—by "fixing" a few self-appointed leaders.

But Socialism is something entirely different. When they buy a Socialist "leader" they do well to get what they have paid for. They may get the "leader," but that is all. A Socialist generally knows why he is a Socialist and does not blindly follow leaders.

For four months the Democrats have been trying to give birth to a Socialist ticket in the county. It is the one problem that has balked them. And unless they succeed, the chances in the November election is against them. Their hopes faded considerably last week when no Socialist central committee was organized for the county. Only a central committee has power to fill a vacant ticket. But they have not given up yet. In the last issue of their Morley organ I noticed an UNSIGNED call for Socialists to meet here at the court house Saturday to organize a committee.

Patronize the paper that tells it just as it is. No muzzle.

HERE AND YONDER.
Tuesday a Gypsy wagon was coming down the Kelso road toward Benton. An automobile came up behind it in which were Bob Joyce, Jim Wallace and others from near Vanduser. They honked, but the wagon kept the road. Then they tried to pass and wrecked the car. When the Gypsy arrived at Benton he was arrested for not giving the road. He said his team was slow and worn and was giving the road as fast as he could. He paid a fine of \$8.

50-of which the justice and constable got \$2.50, the prosecuting attorney who represents the great state of Missouri got \$3, and the great state of Missouri, who had her peace and dignity disturbed, got a dollar. But when Steve Rodgers of Blodgett run over and killed by Bailey Wilkerson's car, the representative of the great state of Missouri didn't even show up at the inquest, and no prosecution followed.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Blackledge of Commerce and Mrs. Rex Cunningham and Miss Ella Hughes of St. Louis were in Benton Sunday and the ladies spent a short while with Mr. and Mrs. Hafner. Mrs. Cunningham is the daughter of S. R. Jones of Commerce, and Miss Hughes is the daughter of Wylie A. Hughes, who was probate judge of this county 25 years ago, and the grand-daughter of Aunt Sarah Everole, who so heroically prevented the capture of an Anchor Line steamer at Commerce by the troops of Jeff Thompson during the rebellion.

A newspaper offered a prize to this conundrum: "Why is a woman like a newspaper?" The prize was won by a lady in a western state, who sent in the following answer: "Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbors." Will the many who cuss the Kicker and yet swipe it at every opportunity please take a hint? Last week several subscribers called at the Kicker's office to get a paper, claiming that somebody got theirs. If you don't like the Kicker let it alone.

F. J. Amrhein, Romanus and Plus Halter, Joe Bechel, Wm. Pobst, Frank Heisserer, August and Tony Gosche and others from the Bleda neighborhood, were here this week as witnesses in the Matthews damage suit against the railroad. Those Bleda fellows seem able to take care of themselves and were always seen ahead of the rest making for the dinner table.

A card received from Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ferguson of Cape Girardeau announced the birth of a son to them on August 11. Mr. Ferguson was one of the carpenters who worked on the new court house and has a brother employed with the B. F. Marshall Co. at Blodgett.

There is supposed to be a liquor fight on in Scott County, yet I can see no signs of it here. The "good" people have all been chloroformed by the politicians and the interests they represent. The slogan of "Save the boys" has been changed to "Save the party."

After the Kicker had gone to press last week the death of Leona, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam C. Schaefer of near Benton was announced. The burial was at the Catholic cemetery here Thursday.

County Treasurer Drury says that arrangements have been made with certain banks of the county to at least for a time cash the county's warrants. The busted county treasury has caused no little complaint among those who are forced to come here.

Rev. Burlington of Blodgett and Rev. Dorris of Morley were Kicker visitors Wednesday. They were in Benton to attend a meeting of the county ministers for the purpose of lining up for the local option fight.

Rev. Dorris of Morley was here Monday advertising a revival meeting at the Methodist church there beginning August 23, conducted by Rev. D. B. Bane. The days seem to be getting active out in the county.

John Stike of New Hamburg was here Monday to advertise his annual Labor Day ball on Sept. 7. Mr. Stike always has a good crowd, as well as good music and good order.

W. J. Schmalz of Miles City, Mont., is in the county visiting relatives and was here Wednesday with his cousin, Robert Hillman, of Forneft.

E. W. Elbert of Illinois, was a Kicker visitor Tuesday. He says work is slack in the north end. Nick Schott of Bleda; Geo. Biehl of Oran and August Bonehart of Vanduser were here Wednesday.

A letter from Tony Strack at Jonesboro, Ark., says the drought has been broken there.

FROM CHAFFEE.
The 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. McBroome died Friday from the effects of a bullet wound in the head. It seems that the little boy had got hold of a pistol and when his older sister tried to take it from him it was discharged.

Some cultured thief entered the office of Car Foreman Lundy at the Cape last week and took a shot gun. He left a note of thanks for the gun, which said he would have taken the type-writer, but could not do so.

Miss Maud Jolly of Oran came up last week to visit friends.

Mrs. A. D. Walton is spending this month in Tennessee.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Frank Miederhoff died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Wulff, Cape Girardeau, Saturday, aged 70 years. Deceased was a former resident of Scott County and was the father of Anton Miederhoff and Mrs. Christine Schuemer of this parish. The burial was Monday at Cape Girardeau.

Quite a crowd attended the party at Joe Pfefferkorn's Sunday, and all had a good time.

A large crowd from here went to the boat show at Commerce Saturday.

Chas. Schott and family, Albert Dirnberger and wife of Bleda, Gregar Grojean of Bloomer, and Andy Glueck and wife of Kelso attended church here Sunday.

Charles Burger of near Lone Rock sold his farm consisting of 90 acres for \$3,600 to Andrew Bucher. Mr. Burger has bought a home at Kelso and will move there soon.

Mrs. Peter Kilhofner and daughter, Miss Pauline, of near Chaffee, and Albert Schwartz and family of Kelso, attended church here Saturday.

John Blattel has joined Phillip Westrich carpenter's crew and will soon be an up-to-date carpenter. If you are thinking of building call on John.

There was a dance at John LeGrand's Tuesday night, and also one at Louis Westrich's Thursday night.

Mrs. Lena Littlefield and nephew, John Cooney, and Jacob Diebold are spending a few days with Uncle Jacob Diebold.

Mrs. Mary Halter, who has been working at the Cape came down to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klipfel.

George Glaus and family came up from Sandywoods Saturday to visit home folks.

Theon Grojean was in Sandywoods Sunday, getting a load of watermelons.

Peter Gosche, who left for Schumers Springs last week came home Monday.

John Bischer and wife of Bleda came up Saturday to visit his parents.

X. Schwartz and wife visited the family of Philip Schitter Saturday.

Herman Glueck made a business trip to Lambertville Saturday.

Leo Glaus and wife were at Kelso one day last week.

FROM KELSO.
Alphonse Robert and Ed. Bles, who have been working at the Cape, are home again and say they have got all of Cape they want.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hahn and two sons, Solomon and Celestine, of Schererville, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bollinger of near Oran, attended the Pence moving picture show at Forneft Saturday night.

One night last week representatives of the Cape Brewery and Ice Co. were here and booze flowed freely. They said they were interested in seeing Scott County remain wet.

Many from here went to Benton Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of Leona, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schaefer.

The young folks enjoyed themselves at the Anceff dance Monday night. P. J. and Frank Dannemueller and Landry Drury were the musicians.

Tony Glueck, who has been farming on his father's farm, moved to Cape county to a farm of his own which he bought for \$13,000.

Joe Weidfield and Frank Elchinger dug a well on the premises of J. M. Diebold last week, and John Willman did the crowning.

Mrs. Louis Pfefferkorn of Oran, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Arnold at Anceff, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Halter spent Sunday night with the family of his father, August Halter. Frank Dannemueller, August Halter, John Blattel and Dr. Rudemeyer were at Benton Friday.

Ben Drury, Leon Heisserer and Father Fitzkum of Benton were here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hahn of near New Hamburg were here shopping one day last week.

Since the rain farmers are plowing for wheat and some are threshing clover seed.

John Compas and family spent Sunday with the family of Frank Compas.

FROM ORAN.
The Germans here do a great deal of talking about the European war. When one was told of the assassination of Dr. Liebknecht he said such would be impossible in Germany, as that country was too highly civilized. But it all depends on what he means by civilization.

Lawrence Hagan, who has been on the Norrid farm north of Benton for several years, was here Saturday looking for a place to locate.

Joe Pobst went to Portageville Monday to draw plans for a barn on Louis Pfefferkorn's place there.

There was a chicken stew at Viktor Heisserer's Sunday and all present enjoyed themselves.

Judge J. L. Hale is reported seriously ill and his recovery is doubtful.

Miss Bertha Welter of Sikeston is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bechel were here from Chaffee Monday.

It is reported that Marshall Hull will quit his job here soon.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dunn last week.

John Armbrin of Advance was here Tuesday.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
A crowd of young folks surprised Arthur Elfert last Friday evening to help him celebrate his 21st Birthday. Among those present were the Misses Emma Roth, Marie Elfert, Alvina and Margaret Sander, Alma Roth, Alonzo Bates, Oscar Roth, Martha Sprenger, Chas. Elfert, Hilda Uelsman, Louis Elfert, Arthur Roth, Pauline Elfert, Herman Sander, Augusta Elfert, Elmer Uelsman, Walter Elfert, Henry Sander, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elfert. All had a fine time, Arthur was so surprised he did not show himself until the crowd was ready to leave.

David Sander spent a few days of last week with his brother, Gus, of Fayetteville.

Miss Martha Schaefer spent a few days of last week with Mrs. Ben Brubel.

Fred, Emil and Otto Sprenger visited Willie and Edd Elfert last Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Stein of the Cape visited Miss Hilda Uelsman last week.

Martin Uelsman of the Cape visited home folks Sunday.

John Elfert's house is nearly completed.

G. Siemers of Jackson was here Sunday.

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM ROCKVIEW.
Joe and Alex Belk served on the petit jury at Benton last week. Alex quit Saturday but Joe is still on the job. He was home Sunday and appeared to have gained in weight.

This is a good time for logging. The Carroll boys are hauling and loading on the Cotton Belt to ship to the Illinois box factory.

The Chaffee folks have cut the work day to eight hours. Looks like hard times are facing the workers.

J. J. Bies sent in a dollar for H. Tucker to the Kicker. Hillary wants to know what is going on.

The dance at Hillary Tucker's Saturday night was well attended.

Mrs. Anna Hipes visited her daughter at Chaffee Sunday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tucker last week.

Mrs. Joe Belk visited at Chaffee a couple of days last week.

Thos. G. Belk will re-paint his houses here and at Chaffee.

"G. O. K."
A needless surgical operation may be poor fun for the victim, but the surgeon himself seems to have a sense of humor. This anecdote, printed in The Open Door, throws its ray of light into dark places.

Mr. Roger W. Babson says that in looking up appendicitis cases, he learned that in seventeen percent of the operations for that disease, the post-mortem examinations showed that the appendix was in perfect condition.

FROM MORLEY.
Fred Bryant, who has been working at Hot Springs, Ark., has returned home.

A large crowd attended the barbecue here Friday and Saturday.

Kiah Smith and wife of Charleston are visiting relatives here.

Miss Agnes Atherton, of Essex, visited relatives here Saturday.

Miss Eva Douglas of Morehouse is here visiting relatives.

Dr. Tate and wife were at Benton Monday.

PUBLIC SALE.
Thursday, September 8. Two miles Southwest of Kelso, on Kelso and New Hamburg road, I will sell two mules, three horses, a mare, two cows, a farm wagon, hay-frame, two buggies, mower, wheat drill, corn drill, hay-rake, disc pulverizer, section harrow, perfect harrow, 2-horse plow, 8-horse plow, two corn plows, a double-shovel, and many other terms.

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Saturday, August 22, on the Scherer farm adjoining Rockview, beginning at 9:30 a.m. I will sell a 7-year-old horse, a 12-year-old mare in foal, a 4-month-

old horse colt, 3-year-old horse, broke, a brood sow to farrow in Sept., 10 Poland-China Gilt, 5 O. C. sows, a low-wheeled wagon, top buggy, a 2-horse plow, two cultivators, one-horse plow, double-shovel, AA harrow, a 12-18 disc harrow, a new John Deere stalk cutter, a road slip, household and kitchen furniture, eighteen acres growing corn and other articles.

Terms—Five dollars and under cash; over five dollars a credit of three months will be given, purchaser giving eight per cent note with approved surety. A discount of four per cent cash on sums over five dollars.

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For Sale—A good, fresh milk cow. Apply to John P. Schoen, Oran Mo., R. F. D. 1, 28-st.

For Sale—Dry cypress boards 80 inches long. W. A. Lee, Oran, 28-st.

For Sale—A 9-year-old mare, a year-old past mare colt, a 7-year-old large work horse, a 7-year-old mare. Joe Mackley, four miles east of Blodgett. 28-48

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